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Sir:

Mark E. Molander declares as follows:

- 1. I am an Applicant for the patent application entitled "System and Method for Multifunction Menu Objects," Serial No. 09/845,537, filed 4/30/2001, and an inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein.
- 2. Prior to February 2, 2001, I conceived of, in the United States of America, the invention described and claimed in the subject application. I further showed diligence from the date of conception to the filing date of the subject application. Conception and diligence to filing is evidenced by the following:

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- a) I submitted IBM Invention Disclosure Form No. RSW8-2000-0109, attached as Exhibit A hereto, which describes the invention described and claimed in the subject application.
- b) Each of the dates deleted from Exhibit A is prior to February 2, 2001.
- c) I worked diligently with a patent attorney in order to file the subject application on April 30, 2001.
- 3. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful and false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under § 1001 of Title 18 of United States Code and that such willful and false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application and any patent issuing therefrom.

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